

REMARKS

In light of the above amendments and remarks to follow, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 5-6, 9, 23-26, 28-29, 36-39, 40-42, and 46-47 are pending in this application. Claim 48 is canceled.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that Claim 48 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1, 23, and 36 (all of the independent claims) have been amended to include the limitations of canceled dependent claim 48. Accordingly, Applicants believe all of the remaining claims are now in condition for allowance.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095.

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